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Sir:

This is a request for filing a [] continuation [X] divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of:

Prior Application Serial No: 10/278,296 filed: October 23, 2002 of: Leif Mohrsen, et al.

(Inventor(s) currently of record in prior application)

entitled: THREADING ARM ASSEMBLY FOR A PAPER MACHINE

(Title of Invention)

1. [X] Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.

2. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW

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| Basic Fee | | | | \$385.00 | - | \$770.00 | \$770.00 | \$770.0 |
| Total Claims | 3 | - 20 | 0 | \$9.00 | - | \$18.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.0 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | - 3 | 0 | \$43.00 | - | \$86.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.0 |
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- 3. A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed. (Check No.11337)
- 4. [X] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
 --This is a divisional of application Serial No. 10/278,296 filed October 23, 2002,--
- 5. [] New informal drawings are enclosed.
- 6. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to Voith Paper Patent GmbH.
- 7. [] A new combined declaration and power of attorney is enclosed.
- 8. [X] A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
- 9. [X] I have reviewed the attached specification and drawings and have determined that no new matter is present therein over prior application Serial No. 10/278,296, filed on October 23, 2002.
- 10. [X] Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the parent application listed herein, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

- 11. [X] The Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication or during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.
 - [X] Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
 - [X] Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
 - [X] Any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.
- 12. [] Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application NOT BE PUBLISHED under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
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Date: February 6, 2004 MS Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 RE: Application for United States Letters Patent APPLICANT: Leif Mohrsen, et al. TITLE OF INVENTION: THREADING ARM ASSEMBLY FOR A PAPER **MACHINE** Sir: Forwarded herewith is the above-identified application, consisting of the following: Specification (8 Sheets) Claims (4 Sheets) Abstract Drawings (3 Sheets) Declaration X Executed Unexecuted Assignment _ Yes X No Information Disclosure Statement _ Yes X No **Preliminary Amendment** Respectfully submitted Todd T. Taylor Registration No. 36,945 Attorney for Applicant "EXPRESS MAIL" Mailing Number EV 270179536 US TTT/ge Date of Deposit February 6, 2004. TAYLOR & AUST, P.C. 142 South Main Street I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" service P.O. Box 560 under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to MS Patent Avilla, IN 46710 Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-Telephone: 260-897-3400 Facsimile: 260-897-9300 Gina Emrick